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The traffic has improved in the mornings and at noon at the main entrance to LSUS since the arrow time has been extended.

Traffic gets green light with more arrow time

By Derek Johnson
The Sentinel

Congested traffic in the mornings at the intersection of Youree Drive, Millicent Way and the main gate to the LSUS campus has prompted a change in the green arrow time of the light at the intersection.

LSUS Police Chief Ron Parker, Chancellor John Darling and Vice Chancellor Howard Craig met with Mayor Hazel Beard, city traffic engineer Kevin Woodard and state engineer Walter Reed on Monday, Feb. 14 to discuss changing the light times at the intersection.

In the mornings until 10 a.m., the green arrow time will change from 8 to 24 seconds. At noon, the green light allowing students to leave campus will change from 20 seconds to 40 seconds.

Parker said the change will allow three times as many people to get on to campus in the same amount of time in the mornings and twice as many people to leave during the afternoon.

"We had a lot of complaints from students and faculty concerning the amount of time it took to get on campus, so we (LSUS) decided to extend the light times," Parker said.

Jason Miller, a freshman biology major, was happy to see the change.

"I really didn't like to get stuck in traffic. I'm glad they took care of that," Miller said.

The new light times went into effect Feb. 18.

Attorney for former student accuses LSUS of stalling trial

By Michelle Millhollon
Associate Editor

A lawsuit filed against the LSU Board of Supervisors stemming from sexual abuse charges lodged against a former LSUS psychology professor by a former LSUS student is expected to be concluded in the latter part of May, seven months after it originally went to trial.

Lori Minniear Senn, who attended LSUS off-and-on between 1978 and 1989, claims the university's "failure" to provide her with a safe environment resulted in the alleged sexual abuse she suffered from Dr. Joseph F. Carlisle (who resigned last May). By the time Senn filed suit in October of 1992, the statute of limitations for a sexual abuse suit had expired, ruling out any possible action against Carlisle himself.

The case went to trial last November but was postponed to May 31 so the university could have tapes between Senn and her counselor, Dr. Jean Hollinshead (also an LSUS psychology professor), transcribed. John Hammons, Senn's attorney, views the request as a stalling tactic on the university's part since the transcriptions are expected to run in the neighborhood of 5,000 to 10,000 pages.

Hammons

"I don't think it's important to the case," Hammons said. "Frankly, I think it's all a smoke screen."

Chancellor John Darling declined to comment on the case except to refute Hammons' claims.

"That (Hammons' comment) doesn't even warrant a comment," Darling Said. "It's a false statement and he knows that."

Senn and Carlisle are the only witnesses yet to testify, since Hollinshead has changed her mind about taking the stand on the advice of her attorney. However, her deposition, taken over a year ago, will be entered into the record.

"Probably (Hollinshead's withdrawal) hurts them (LSU) worse than it hurts me as far as I'm concerned," Hammons said. "When they took her deposition she was very favorable to Lori's position."

LSUS legal fees total $15,000 to date

By Carla Clark
The Sentinel

Howard Craig, vice chancellor for Business Affairs, said that LSUS has spent approximately $15,000 on legal fees since the beginning of the fall semester.

Of that total, $10,200 has been spent to date on expenses pertaining to the lawsuit brought against the school by Sentinel reporter Michelle Millhollon and the Society of Professional Journalists.

Craig noted that the $10,200 does not represent the final total for expenses incurred as a result of the lawsuit.

"Not all of the bills pertaining to that lawsuit have come in yet," Craig said.

Craig

The remaining $4,800 was spent on miscellaneous legal fees, Craig said.

At the beginning of each year, the university sets aside a portion of its budget to cover any legal fees incurred throughout the course of the year. Any money not spent at the end of the year is distributed to other areas of the budget where the university might have overspent its allocations.

"For instance, if we underspend in one area, we might use that money to cover, say, an overexpenditure for electricity," Craig said.

Craig said that the university has not yet paid any fees pertaining to the suit filed by Lori Minniear Senn against the LSU Board of Supervisors in October of 1992.

The university has budgeted a total of $32,000 this year for legal expenses, Craig said.

SGA Notes:

The SGA met without a quorum for its March 15 and March 22 meeting.

The Sentinel will run a box each week on action taken by the Student Government Association.

News

LSUS students, alumni gamble on riverboat jobs

By Darren Svan
The Sentinel

Gambling has officially arrived. Harrah's floating casino--the Shreveport Rose-- came to Shreveport this month. Although some of our local gamblers are dreaming about the "big pay day," there are a selected number of LSUS students and alumni who see the casino as a chance to earn an honest but exciting living.

The grand opening for the Shreveport Rose is tentatively set for April 18, said Jarred Franklin, a student at LSUS who attends gaming school with Harrah's. In addition to pursuing a job with Harrah's, Franklin is also a senior political science major at LSUS.

Franklin

"Harrah's is more like a school. It's not like a job right now," Franklin said.

Franklin attends LSUS in the morning, then goes to a four-hour class with Harrah's, and then tends bar at the Kingfish restaurant at night.

"It's really put me in a bind, but this is my last semester so I've just sucked it up," Franklin said. "I've sacrificed free time with my fiancee, but I think it will pay off in the long run."

Gaming host students are placed in one of three areas--blackjack, craps or slots-- based on their score on a math test taken in advance. To help with training, Harrah's brought in professional hosts from their casinos in Atlantic City and Las Vegas to train the local hosts. Dealers (gaming hosts) are paid minimum wage plus tips, but all tips are divided by everyone who worked on that particular shift.

"Distribution of money works in the long run," Franklin said. "It gives you a steady income. They will make it worth your while. They're not a stingy company; they're very fair in their wages.

"I don't plan on dealing craps on a craps table for the rest of my life. There is room for advancement," Franklin said. "I see Harrah's to be geared around bettering their employees. They want to move people up, not bring in new people.

"I view the river boats as a positive impact on the community," Franklin said. "Harrah's wants people that gamble for recreation. I think Harrah's recognizes that there might be people with gambling problems."

Laura Allen, a public relations graduate of LSUS, said, "The school is really neat. They keep us entertained constantly. They give us little contests during our training to keep us on our toes.

"I believe my degree really helped me. They wanted the best of the best," Allen said. "Shreveport hasn't experienced anything like this yet."

Photo by Joan Rivers

Jason Green, (left) freshman Liberal Arts major, and Troy Dupree, freshman business major, sit outside the UC and smoke during a break. Dupree said the smoking ban was a good idea, but didn't feel that it would keep students from smoking inside.

Building smoking ban to be enforced

By Derek Johnson
The Sentinel

Smokers beware!

Smoking is no longer allowed in any building on campus including the cafeteria, according to LSUS Police Chief Ron Parker.

Anyone caught smoking inside the buildings must produce identification and will be fined. The minimum fine is $25, while the maximum fine is $50. The ban on smoking inside campus buildings will be enforced immediately.

Three weeks ago, Parker found documentation which showed statute RS 40 section 1300.24 had been revised last year. The new statute does not require educational or health facilities to designate smoking areas. The LSUS system decided not to designate any smoking areas inside campus buildings.

"I talked with the police chief at LSU Baton Rouge and after they started enforcing the new law, they had few problems. If someone wants to smoke, they can smoke outside," Parker said.

Howard Craig, vice chancellor of Business Affairs, said the law was in effect last year, but it was not enforced.

"Many students and staff have complained about the smoke in the cafeteria. We will vigorously enforce the new statute," Craig said.

The purpose of the statute is to make the campus environment clean for those who do not wish to endanger their health by breathing in second-hand smoke, Craig said.

No smoking signs will be posted inside all campus buildings.

Committee formed to promote diversity

By Alexis Alexander
The Sentinel

Is there racism on this campus? Sexism? Homophobia? Equal access for all students?

The Human Relations Committee was recently formed to "increase awareness of student diversity on campus," said Fred Krieg, director of Human Resource Management.

The committee, consisting of several students, faculty and staff members, met for the first time Friday, March 11. Krieg said the group is looking at areas to improve to make the university -- students and administration -- more sensitive and to make it a better place.

Human relations is the main issue at hand, according to committee member Kurt Pickett.

"In my opinion, how the staff relates to faculty and how the faculty relates to students is about diversity and multi-culturalism and just getting along."

Pickett would like to see a sensitivity training workshop implemented because "inclusiveness can't be a 'maybe' type of thing."

Another goal for the committee is to aid in bringing the university into compliance with the American's With Disabilities Act. Krieg said the group has goals to attain and will look at the current progress and priorities.

"Basically, it boils down to money," he said.

The committee will meet again April 22.

Wellness Fair promotes different areas of fitness

By Wendy Byers
The Sentinel

Wellness Fair
- Date: Thursday, April 7.
- Time: 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
- Place:UC Ballroom.

"It is important that people are made aware of all six aspects of wellness," said Paula Lynch, acting director of the Counseling Center.

And what better way to get students and faculty involved in every part of their well-being than the annual LSUS Wellness Fair.

This year's fair will have six participatory stations emphasizing each part of human wellness: physical, social, occupational, spiritual, intellectual and emotional.

To encourage physical wellness, the Student Government Association is sponsoring free cholesterol testing which will be conducted by HCA Highland Hospital. Highland will also test blood pressure and blood-oxygen levels, and the Health and Physical Education department will be on hand to assess body fat and physical endurance.

All blood tests are non fasting tests so those who wish to take part in the physical wellness station are encouraged to eat before being tested.

The theme of this year's social wellness booth is taken from a quote by George Elliot, a famous nineteenth century author.

"In the long run, what do we live for if it is not to make life less difficult for each other."

To promote social awareness, the counseling center will provide mandalas, which are defined as "a magic circle representing the strive for total unity of self."

The mandalas are actually pieces of muslin that participants may decorate to express this year's social theme. After the fair, the mandalas will be sewn together and made into a quilt. Last year's quilt will be on display at the fair.

"Hot Careers of the Nineties" is the theme for the occupational wellness station. Counselors and various literature will be available to students who have yet to make their career choice.

Throughout the day students and faculty will create an enormous peace sign with tissue paper at the spiritual wellness station. The finished product would resemble stained glass and will hang in a window of the student center.

All who visit the intellectual wellness booth will be tested on their knowledge of current events, and information on stress management will be provided at the emotional wellness station.

Lynch enthusiastically encourages all students and faculty to take advantage of the Wellness Fair. Those attending are not required to participate in all stations, only those which they wish to take part.

"Each year more people attend the fair," Lynch said. "It is a lot of fun and I hope everyone will come out and participate."

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Professor Casperson motivated by love of teaching

By Morris Crichlow
The Sentinel

In her youth, Luvonia Casperson must have seemed a most unlikely person to become chair of LSUS' Department of Economics and Finance. Her mother, a housewife, probably deduced from Luvonia's leadership in her rural Alabama high school's Future Homemakers of America that she would be content to marry and raise children.

Now, we find it difficult to picture Professor Casperson in such a setting. Although she speaks lengthily of her family, the traditional focal point of most rural communities, she lists their achievements in an ordered, business-like discourse fitting a lecture hall more aptly than a country home. Her accomplishments and experience also indicate her distance from a childhood left before the age of 18.

Immediately after graduating, Casperson went to work in Mobile, Ala. Several years passed before, she with her first child in third grade, decided to go back to school. Like the rest of her life, her collegiate career started in anonymity, at William Faulkner Junior College.

She subsequently separated herself from the pack by earning the highest grade point average of any woman in economics at the University of Oklahoma. She describes her reward, an assistantship in their PhD program, with a matter-of-factness that sends a chill up the spine of most students who can only hope fruitlessly for such an honor.

Without missing a beat, she rattles off a list of more recent accomplishments: president of the Southwestern Economics Association, vice president of the southern region of the National Organization of Forensic Economists, designer of an economics program for the Western Economics Association, and a member of the graduate faculty of University of Oklahoma's masters program in economics and finance. A smile momentarily lifts her face when she mentions being distinguished a second time as a Fulbright Scholar. She looks forward to her related trip to South Korea and China, and also to teaching advanced courses in Hawaii.

Professor Casperson pays careful attention to seemingly ordinary and local matters while pursuing these national and worldly interests. She takes pride in expanding course offerings and raising money for the insurance and real estate chairs which are only partially funded.

Strangely, the most basic of her tasks, teaching, motivates her to continue. She places her profession in terms consistent with her field of expertise when attesting, "Most days I feel like I should pay the university to let me teach.".

Perhaps, this professor of economics' rags to riches (or, at least, Alabama to Louisiana) story provides an important lesson about our economy that her students won't find in their books; hard work and determination allows anyone to escape the most obscure background.

Photo by Joan Rivers

Dr. Luvonia Casperson is chair of the LSUS Department of Economics and Finance.

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'Monkey Trouble' surprises critic with humor and fine performances

By Morris Crichlow
The Sentinel

If you ventured out to the cinema in the past week, you realize that this spring's drought of good movies has only gotten worse. So, if you are desperate for some on screen entertainment and don't want to risk seeing an unknown quantity like *The Joy Luck Club*, you may want to check out a movie from the traditionally inane and pointless children's genre.

Monkey Trouble, starring Thora Birch, veers from this genre's traditional nature by offering a humorous story with realistic characters. Harvey Keital and Mimi Rogers, as well as familiar faces from *Midnight Run* and *King of New York*, provide credible acting which makes *Monkey Trouble* not only an excellent film for children, but also decent viewing fare for adults.

No, *Monkey Trouble* doesn't tackle adult subjects a la *My Girl*. But, through its realism, its silly and slapstick humor gains an edge not seen since *Army of Darkness* or, before that, *Major League*.

Thora Birch delivers an endearing performance as a girl who gets more trouble than she bargained for with a new pet, a monkey trained to steal.

The screenplay casts a likely succession of events based on a premise which is too far-fetched to be patronizing. Although it abides by the traditional rules of children's movies, happy endings and slow-motion reunion sequences, I left the theatre without feeling like my intelligence had been insulted.

No, it won't win any Oscars. And, no, you won't have missed a fundamental step in the progression of American cinema if you don't see it. But, if you've seen the better movies around town and are looking for something new, maybe a light movie with humorous moments, you won't regret checking out *Monkey Trouble*.

Recommended at the box office:

■ *Schindler's List*:: Steven Spielberg returns from recent mediocrity to direct 1993's finest film. Supporting actor Ralph Fiennes augments the directing effort with perhaps the best performance this year, and leading actor Liam Neeson's portrayal of industrialist Oscar Schindler also rates at Oscar level.

■ *Ace Ventura:* Jim Carrey's latest achievement assures audiences that they will not be able to survive 1994 without stupid, offensive humor (much of which is actually funny.)

■ *The Piano:* This meticulously crafted film by Jane Campion offers two Oscar-winning (and Oscar worthy) performances by Holly Hunter and Anna Paquin.

-- Morris Crichlow

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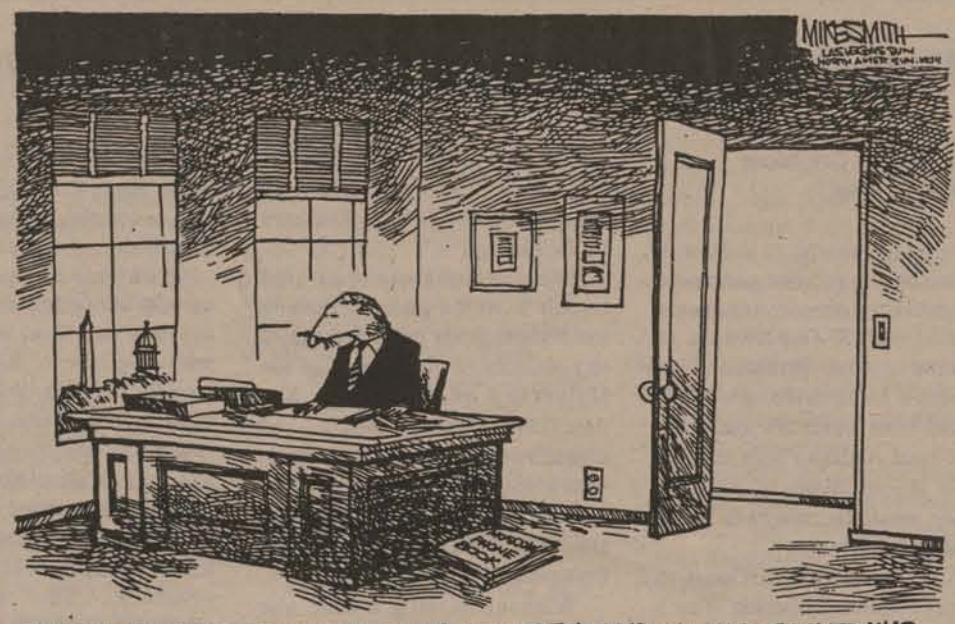

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Editorial

SGA senators break the faith

Many students question whether The Sentinel can be printed without a story on the Student Government Association each week. The answer is no.

In a recent SGA meeting, SGA President Vincent Mangum said the student newspaper owed representation to students since it was funded through student activities fees. Since the SGA also uses student funds -- about $20,000 worth -- it owes representation to the students too.

According to the SGA constitution, "All students enrolled at this university shall be members of the SGA." Students should be more concerned with what the SGA is doing for the university, and show this concern through attending the meetings. The meetings are held Tuesdays at 12:45 p.m. in the University Center.

Lately, the SGA has had a problem holding these meetings. A majority of the senators have not been present, therefore no official business can be conducted. They are not merely one senator short for a quorum, they are several short.

The SGA has gone the last three weeks without a quorum, but this is not a new problem. Earlier in the semester, the Senate was having the same dilemma. This should have been an indication of the apparent apathy that these senators have.

The SGA by-laws state that business conducted without a quorum is considered "null and void." Senators are required to provide the Internal Affairs Committee, which currently consists of one senator, a reasonable excuse for their absence. Accumulated absences are grounds for impeachment or probation. If disciplinary action is taken against these truants, the point would be made that SGA meetings are not held for those who just show up occasionally and cast their vote.

Attendance is mandated by the SGA by-laws. If these senators do not want to play by the rules, what are they doing in the game?

Students need to be aware that their representatives are up for election next month. The positions of president, vice president and senators-at-large will be filled. This is a prime opportunity for students to let their voices be heard, or even a chance to run for office. However, the SGA has to vote on when to hold the elections, but this can't be done until it has a quorum.

The SGA can do something now about its attendance problems. The president can appoint new senators to fill the current vacant positions. Then more Internal Affairs committee members can be appointed, so that the senators who are repeatedly absent can be dealt with. When these senators ran for election, they understood it would require an hour of their time each week for meetings. Senators promise their constituents to represent them. How can this be done when these senators don't attend meetings?

Ugly cars, stupid bumper stickers invade Shreveport-Bossier area

Jennifer Newlon-Manco

The other day I was innocently speeding through the parking lot of South Park Mall when I was accosted by the sight of one of the ugliest cars on the face of the earth. If you've seen this car before I am sure you will remember it when I describe it. If it is your car, please do not come after me with a baseball bat, because you can't hide with a car like that. It was, get ready for this, a fluorescent green BMW with chrome detailing and the most f***ed up looking wheels I've ever seen on a yuppie car gone bad.

After I shrieked in horror, I began to puzzle over why anyone would do such a thing. Then it occurred to me that this wasn't even the ugliest car I've seen in Shreveport. I've seen some really silly things here. For instance, I saw some teenage WASPish little girl driving a Honda with the words, "Li'l Nasty," or some other warped spelling of the same message, printed across the brow of her windshield. I wonder what kind of message she's trying to send there. Let's all just hope collectively that she wasn't borrowing her mother's car.

Once I saw a guy driving a mini-truck with big cursive letters on the tailgate spelling out ***"SNEAKY AL"***. I drove up next to him and he was slouched down in the seat with his head cocked to the side and one wrist draped across the steering wheel. He did indeed look sneaky. I then began to imagine what it would be like if everyone were required to have some sort of descriptive word and their name printed on the back of their vehicles. This might make driving much easier because everyone would know to stay away from "***DRUNKEN BOB***" and "***SPASTIC FRED***."

Then there's the guy with the huge 4 x 4 Bronco-looking thing painted white with black zebra stripes. Either this guy has spent way to much time in the African savannah and thinks he is Marlin Perkins, or he bought the thing cheap from some now-defunct drive-thru zoo. At least his wife doesn't have to worry about him not being where he said he would be.

"I saw your truck at Motel 6 last night. I thought you said you were going bowling!"

"Now honey, that wasn't me. That was some other guy in an over-sized zebra striped truck with an NRA bumper sticker."

The ugliest car in Shreveport, however, belongs to a friend of mine. It is an Amigo with multi-colored stripes. I asked my friend why the hell he would drive around in a car that looks like a pack of Lifesavers and he replied that at least everyone knows it's him (as if that was a good thing).

One of my pet-peeves relating to cars is bumper-sticker overload. It seems as if some people cover their cars in these inane messages rather than getting a new paint-job. Once when I was working in a fast food restaurant, my co-workers and I were making fun of some guy in a pick up truck because he had a huge rebel-flag painted on his back window. I almost collapsed in laughter when he drove off and I read his bumper sticker: "The South will rise again." Yeah, right, and I bet he still puts on animal skins, paints stick figures on walls depicting his hunt at Price-Lo and drags his woman around by the hair.

Almost as bad are the bumper stickers saying, "My other car is a ---INSERT NAME OF EXPENSIVE CAR HERE." The joke is that this other car is more existent than the owner's brain.

And how about these people driving around with Daiquiri Express and Thrifty Liquor bumper stickers? You might as well drive around in reverse with your windshield-wipers on on a sunny day waving a gun and screaming, "Pull me over, I'm drunk!"

There's only two bumper-stickers I've ever seen and liked: "My kid beat up your honor student" and "So many pedestrians, so little time."

If only someone would make up a bumper sticker that says, "If you don't like my name you can kiss-smooch my a**."

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Opinion

If you have to ask what a liberal believes...

Mike Alan Hanks

I've been asked by several people (mostly faculty members, curiously enough) the following question: "So, Mr. Conservative...What exactly does a liberal believe?" My initial response is "If you have to ask, chances are you're not a conservative."

Good-natured flippancy aside, however, it's a worthy question. Some of you Loyal Readers out there might not know where you fall on the old ideological spectrum, and so I, your Ever Humble Servant, shall endeavor to clear out some of the fog.

One category to consider is economics. Now, there are many of you out there in Reader Land who will automatically drift off to sleep at the very mention of the word "economics," but I ask that you bear with me, and I'll try to make it interesting. Liberal economic policies can usually be described as policies which assume that there is only so much wealth to go around, and that if Person A has more, Person B of necessity has less. This is what socialism for instance, is based on. The reason for the proletariat being poor is because the bourgeoisie are rich. Only by taking the wealth from the rich and redistributing it to the poor can economic equality be achieved. Which, in my humble but accurate opinion, is a bunch of hooey.

Conservative economic policies, on the other hand, postulate that wealth can be created by industriousness. You can become as wealthy as you'd like, but you've got to work for it. The Austrian theories of economics base themselves precisely on this idea by stating it is entrepreneurship and small businesses that drive an economy. The more small businesses and entrepreneurs you have in a country, and the freer they are to pursue their economic goals, the better off the economy will be. This makes a great deal more sense than the liberal policies because humans are, for the most part, self-serving. The fine folks down at Centenary Oyster House did not hire me as a bartender out of charity, or because it is my right to have a job. Rather, they hired me to sling gin because they feel that I will be competent enough in my job to make them some money.

So why do so many insist on believing in liberal economic policies? I'm not entirely sure, but I suspect that it has something to do with the fact that humans also dislike having to blame themselves for their troubles. You see, in a conservatively oriented world, you have no one to blame for remaining in a state of destitution and/or indigence (barring, of course, some mental or physical handicap). In a liberally oriented world, on the other hand, you have someone ELSE to blame for your poverty. It's those darned rich guys...

Another area is that of governmental policy. Liberal individuals usually believe that the government is THE cure for most (if not all) of society's ills. Racial inequality exists in the workplace? Call on the government to fix it. Some people don't have jobs? Call on the government to give them one. Health care not performing up to snuff? Call on the government to step in and regulate.

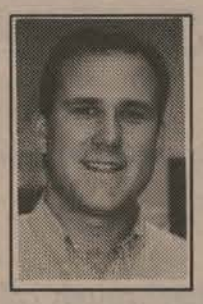
Conservatives, on the other hand, usually believe that the government is, more often than not, the CAUSE of many of these problems. And even if the government isn't a cause, it's definitely not the solution to a problem. Consider that, in its attempts to solve the problem of poverty, the government has made the problem worse by subsidizing it. If you pay people to be poor (with welfare, food stamps, and other governmental subsidies), the number of poor people will increase.

Finally, there is morality. Liberalism believes that there are no absolute rights and wrongs. Everything is relative. What might be considered a heinous crime in one society might be celebrated as art in another.

Conservatism believes that society needs certain guard rails, and that some activities should be prohibited for the greater good of society. Without these guard rails, society inevitably decays as we lose our ability to make value judgements on the "rightness" or "wrongness" of a particular action. Remove the moral injunction against killing, and you may rest assured that more people will be killed.

Now, obviously, these viewpoints are not absolutes in the sense that you either believe one OR the other. There are many gradations between the two beliefs, and there are some extreme viewpoints which lie further out than the ones listed above. But all things being equal, I make the following prediction: Conservative readers of this column will agree with me, and liberal readers of this column will not. Conservatives, you see, have no vested interest in altering the definitions...

Wedding trauma part two: the invitations



Chuck Phillips

This semester seems to be going along like my old Mercury. Sometimes it moves right along, and other times it just sort of sputters about.

The reason for this great inconsistency is the anticipation of my marriage in May. In last week's column, I shared with you the excitement of the proposal and the revelation that my underwear does not meet Louisiana marriage requirements. Much has happened since I penned that innocent article.

Monday we ordered invitations. That is a simple enough task I thought. How hard can it be to buy a lot of paper with the happy couples names printed on them with the date, place and time of the ceremony.

We went to a local Christian book store and asked to see the types of wedding invitations they offered. The sales clerk was nice enough. She gave me and my fiancee hard hats and led us into the warehouse where she instructed a forklift operator to bring us volume one of the invitation samples.

Three hours later I found an invitation with ducks and deer and said something to the effect of "we are getting hitched...be there." It was even a good price, less than $1,000 per hundred invitations (envelopes included).

Debbie, (the same fiancee from last week), didn't care for those and told me to go play with the Noah's Ark video game in the store. I did pretty well too; I got up to herding the giraffes on the ark and couldn't get their necks bent to get in the door when it started raining.

Anyway, bored with the game, I returned to find Debbie had found the invitation she liked in volume 287 of Rochester's Wedding Sampler Book. With a sigh of relief, I said "Great. I love them. Let's go."

"Hold on," she said. "You don't like them?"

Now if there is one thing I do know, that is when a woman asks you a question that contradicts the answer you have just given, start worrying.

She didn't get upset though, she just said she would find some that we both liked.

I started crying. "Honey, this is your day. I just want you to choose the invitations that would make you happy."

I must have hit the right chord with that one because she said, "You are so sweet. I love you."

Chalk one up for dear old Dad. He had just told me the week before that in planning a wedding, I should use the scripture in Ephesians 5:25, "Husbands, love your wives as Christ loved the church and gave himself for it..."

After the invitation hunt, I figured out what he meant. It is my duty as a future husband to place the wants and needs of my wife above my own.

I wonder if I could get her to go for camouflage invitations with giraffes on them?

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

This past weekend the Zeta Tau Alpha fraternities in the state of Louisiana held a convention in New Orleans. Four of the women from the LSUS chapter, Eta Omega, left New Orleans heading for home at about noon on Sunday. We filled the car with gas, stocked up on food and exchanged memories. The grandest memory was yet to come.

Around 4:15 p.m., it was noted that we were low on gas. If anyone travels I-49 south they know that 35 miles outside of Shreveport there are no gas stations until the city limits, but we did not know this. The closer we got to Shreveport, the brighter the fuel light glowed, causing a wave of panic through each of us. The decision was reached to take a lonely exit to look for gas, but to no avail.

Searching in desperation and praying ceaselessly we came upon a woman who secured our fear that the nearest gas station was at least nine miles away in Mansfield. the woman, realizing our plight, took us to Mansfield to be sure that we arrived at a gas station safely. She was more than happy to have an ordinary Sunday filled with a little excitement.

After reaching the station safely, she then took us the rest of the way to Shreveport so that we would not get lost on the back roads outside of Mansfield. We asked for her name and address so that we might thank her with a card or note, but she said it was a thanks not needed. We never even knew her name.

Through the tragic streets of this world, there are still people who shine. Because of this woman's kind heart she not only touched four women, she touched an entire chapter. We have written this letter to thank her and also to tell the people of Shreveport that despite all the crime and violence that affects our city on a daily basis, this woman exhibits a renewed hope among the people of Shreveport.

Sincerely,
Susan Riley, freshman
English/psychology major

Jennifer Linhart, junior
Psychology major

What are your plans for Spring Break?

"Since I have to work full time, I'll probably be working, even on Easter, for the City of Shreveport."

Brad Spencer
Sophomore
Business

"I'll spend most of it working and trying to catch up on time with my daughter."

Jerry Mayfield
Freshman
Nursing

"Studying. I may go to a movie. And sleep. I haven't had that in a long time."

Shequita Carthon
Freshman
Engineering

Campus

CAMPUS BRIEFS

News

Concert band receives grant

A $10,000 grant given to the Shreveport Metropolitan Concert Band by the Community Foundation of Shreveport-Bossier, will enable the band to buy much needed instruments, namely chimes and other percussion instruments, and music. Anyone interested in joining the band need only show up at practice held in the University Center on Monday evenings from 6-8 p.m. LSUS students are eligible to earn academic credit for their participation.

Events and Reminders

Psychology Club presents lecture

George Seiden, M.D., Ph.D., a distinguished doctor in the community, will lecture on eating disorders April 7 at 7 p.m. in the UC Theater. Seiden, in private practice in Shreveport, is a deputy coroner in Caddo Parish, the medical director of the Adult Psychiatric Unit at CPC Brentwood Hospital and the medical director of Psychiatric Day Hospital at Schumpert Medical Center. The lecture is sponsored by the Psychology Club., which meets every first and third Thursday of the month at 10:30 a.m. in BE 345.

Free Aerobics

The Office of Intramural and Club Sports, in conjunction with Willis-Knighton SportCare, is offering free aerobics to LSUS students, faculty and staff. Initially, the sessions will be every Tuesday and Thursday at 2:15 p.m., but sessions may be expanded to more convenient hours. The classes will be held in the H&PE building.

Education Scholarships

March 31 is the deadline to apply for several education scholarships which will be awarded this spring through the College of Education. Scholarships range from $100 to $8,000. Information on the different scholarships and application forms can be obtained in BE 117.

Cooper to speak on campus

Dr. Pat Cooper, executive director of the National School Health Education Coalition and recognized consultant, speaker and lecturer, will be the Donald E. Shipp Honor Lecturer at the 16th annual Education Forum on Wednesday, April 6. The forum will also include a panel discussion, lectures from local educators and audience comments. The forum will be held in the UC Theater and will begin at 7 p.m. For information, contact Dr. Larry Marshman at 797-5180.

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Photo by Joan Rivers

Ten Tibetan monks from the Ganden Jangtse Monastery in South India performed monastic chanting and dances during a March 15 appearance in the UC Theater. The visit was part of a North American tour that began in September and is designed to raise money for the 2,000-man monastery. The monks use voices and musical instruments such as bells, cymbals, drums and wind instruments to present "a mystical realm of peace and spirituality."

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Sports

Baseball team pulls off surprise win over Delta State

By Brian Allen
Sports Editor

Saturday, March 19, began like any other sunny spring day, but before it had ended, the LSUS Pilots had fired a shot heard round the college baseball world.

After being bombed 17-0 in the first game of a doubleheader here at University Park, the Pilots responded with a 6-2 victory over Delta State University of Cleveland, Miss. An elated coach Doug Robinson proclaimed this "the biggest win in the history of LSUS baseball."

For those who don't understand his excitement, Delta State recently swept a doubleheader from national powerhouse Mississippi State, thus earning themselves a great deal of respect. In other words, LSUS beat the team that beat the team.

It didn't look like history would be made after game one, a 17-0 assault with a final score more reminiscent of football than baseball. After scoring four first inning runs, Delta State went silent until the fourth inning when they exploded for 11 runs, putting the game out of LSUS' reach. The power display was highlighted by a titanic home run blast by catcher Terry Ennis, and after being hammered for 13 runs and 12 hits in 3 2/3 innings, starter Mitch Fant (3-2) gave way to Chris Berry, who pitched until the fifth inning.

At that point, the game was called for the ten-run rule, and the term "mercy rule" was never more accurate.

While Pilot pitching was being tilted like a cheap pinball machine, Delta State's Bubba Dixon was silencing any hopes of an LSUS rally. Dixon gave up only one hit, a single by shortstop Larry Yelverton.

But then the impossible, or at least the extremely improbable, happened. Like a battered boxer picking himself up off the canvas after being rocked by the thunderous blows of a more powerful fighter, the Pilots collected the shattered pieces of their pride and answered with their most inspired play in the program's short history.

As he has on numerous occasions this season, Eric Schneider took LSUS' burden upon his shoulders and played the role of slump stopper. Schneider held the Delta State offense to just two runs, pitching a complete game five-hitter, and upping his record to 3-3.

The Pilot bats contributed to the cause as well, pounding out six hits (not a slugfest, but six times as many hits as they got in the first game). The key blow was a three-run homer by right fielder Wes Fortune, who had two hits in the game. Without question it was a tale of two games, and the outcome probably lest Delta State wondering what happened to the guys who played in the first game. Coach Robinson was understandably ecstatic:

"It was great that this team was able to come back after losing in the first game 17-0. It was just unbelievable."

The split puts Delta State at 14-8, and LSUS at 13-10, eighth in the 11 team NAIA District 8. The coaches vote in the rankings, and this sort of win is sure to impress. LSUS will need to remain among the top eight, because that's how many teams make the District 8 playoffs. Assistant Coach David Elledge remembers a time not so long ago when success was merely a dream for this team:

"It really feels good to have a winning record. None of the Pilot teams I played on ever had that chance. I just hope we can keep it up and make it to the playoffs."

That's a sentiment echoed by LSUS baseball fans, but there is still much work to be done. With almost 30 games left to play in the regular season, this chase is just beginning.

You can support the Pilots at their new University Park facility on Wednesday, March 30, when they'll play two against Jackson, Miss.'s, Belhaven College. The first pitch is at 1 p.m.

Photo by Joan Rivers

Pilot Robert Harris (#11) slides into home during a game March 19 against Delta State.

Intramural softball preseason action begins with five teams

By Brian Allen
The Sentinel

There is no rest for the dedicated as the Intramural Sports Department shifts gears from basketball to that classic spring sport, slow-pitch softball.

The first consisted of preseason action, giving teams time to get back into the motions before games start counting. Five teams signed up to play for the opportunity to represent LSUS at the state tournament in New Orleans the weekend of April 22-24. Two of the teams are easily recognizable to LSUS sports fans. The Outcasts, a team who never met an intramural sport they didn't play, are taking the field with several of the same players that led them to LSUS' flag football championship this past October. Names like Jason Jagneaux and Ken McCoy have become part of the vocabulary of every LSUS' intramural athlete. They represented LSUS well in a tournament held in Monroe, topping a squad from LSU Baton Rouge. They believe they can wreak similar havoc in New Orleans.

Also filled with familiar faces is King and His Court, or as they are better known, Coach David Geer and stars from his Pilot basketball team. They embark on a Michael Jordan-like quest to prove basketball isn't the only sport they're skilled in. If the tournament is to be won on sheer athletic ability, a team with Mark McGary and Chad McDowell has a decided advantage.

Less familiar to The Sentinel sports page readers is a team that recently changed its name from Branch Davidians to The Manson Family, prompting much speculation as to what they'll be calling themselves by the time floor hockey season gets here. Last week the Mansons went through two names and two entirely different lineups, but vow to be solidified when the regular season starts this week. Their finished roster is rumored to contain a veteran city league player as well as a member of the The Sentinel sports staff.

But the team to beat is a colorfully named bunch called No Dung, and while their name may inspire laughter, no one was laughing when they took the field. Led by the power-hitting Rick Lancaster and former NCAA baseball player Larry Ross, they play flawlessly on both offense and defense. No opponent was able to come close to stopping them last week. Messages can be sent in preseason play, and No Dung's message is clear: Try to stop us from going to New Orleans.

But the fifth team to enter the mix, a team sponsored by Kappa Sigma fraternity, was eliminated from contention before the first regular season pitch was thrown. According to the Intramural Sports Department rules, a team that forfeits two games in a season is out of the running. The Kappa Sigma filled out a roster and were scheduled to begin play last week. A lone Kappa Sigma showed up for their first game to let the opposing team know they were forfeiting. None of the Kappa Sigmas made their second scheduled game.

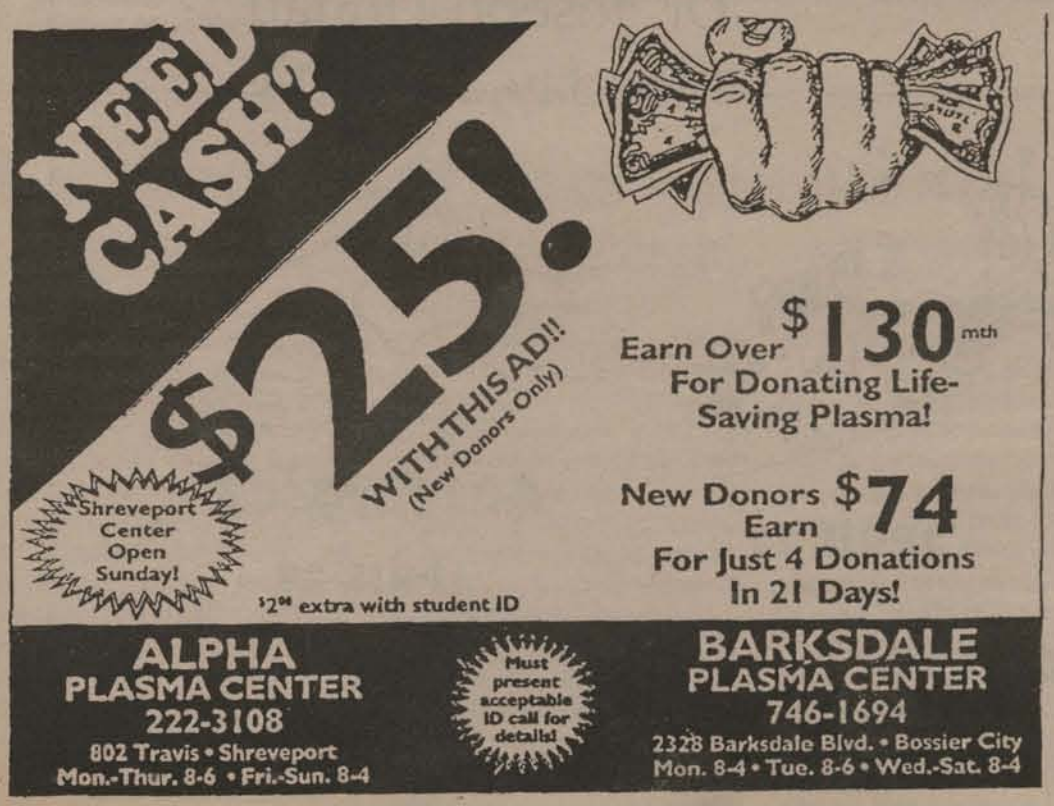
An irate Bill Wood of Intramural Sports said this: "If you're not going to show up, then why fill out a roster? These other teams are coming to play them and they're never here. This is the third or fourth straight sport they've done this in."

Kappa Sigma's Kenny White had this to say in response: "We're concentrating on trying to meet our scholarship requirements right now, and not on intramural sports. Once we take care of our grades, we'll be back."

But the fraternities of LSUS will be represented, as Phi Delta Theta leapt into the fray just after the conclusion of preseason play. So, what began as a five-team field, and was then pared to four, is now five again. In addition to the men's teams, there may be as many as four co-recreational teams playing, and the best team from their ranks will go to Baton Rouge as well. There will be more information on them later.

Here's Intramural Sports Director Kurt Rensink's preseason poll for the men:

1. No Dung - Kings of the hill.
2. King and His Court - Heirs to the throne.
3. Outcasts - Not to be underestimated.
4. Manson Family - Never the same team twice.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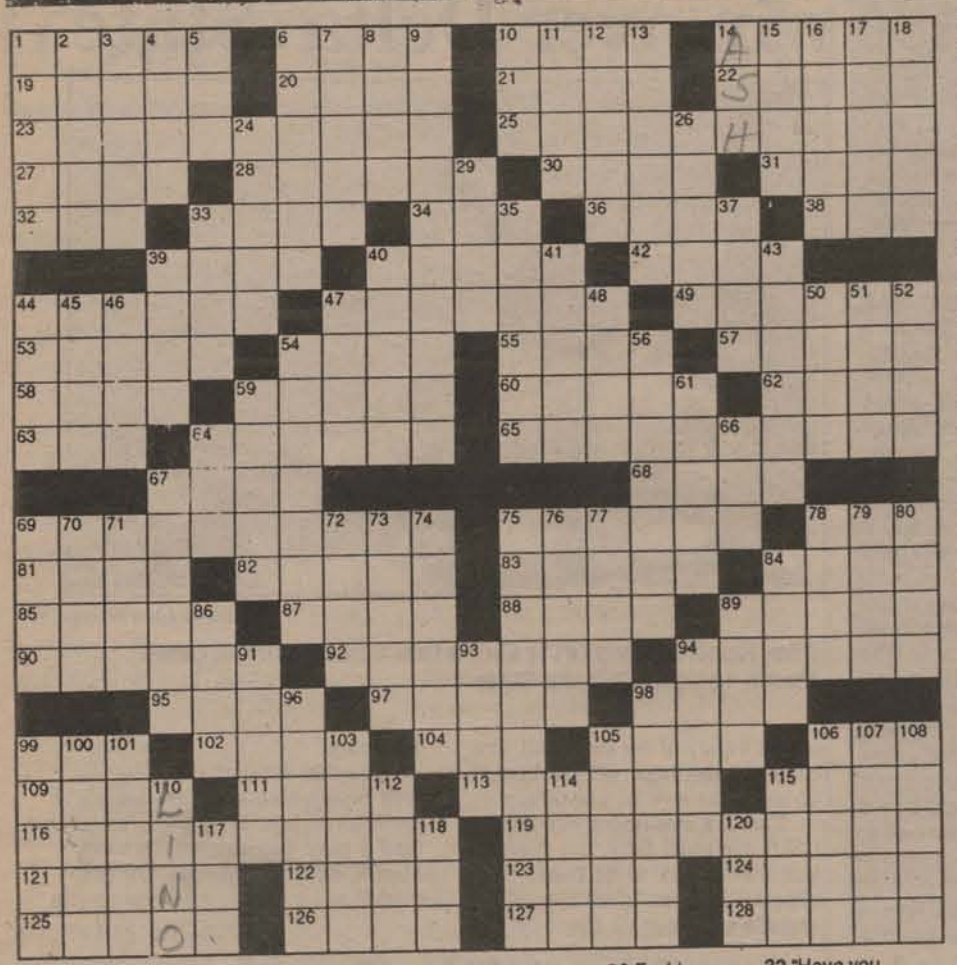

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58 Type of roast
59 Little bit of beach?
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65 New York resort
67 Cabbage concoction
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92 "The Naked Gun" star
94 Give unwanted advice
95 "Tosca" tune
97 Range
98 Fake knockout
99 The end?
102 Exile site
104 Basic sound system?
105 Panel of peers
106 Tackle a trireme?
109 Bag contents, maybe
111 "Cope Book" aunt
113 Barber of Seville
115 Surrender
116 Washington inlet
119 California wine region
121 People: comb. form
122 Loy's four-legged costar
123 Fed
124 Positive thinker
125 Reveal
126 Darling animal?
127 Delighted
128 Holyfield or Tyson

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2 Poseidon's place
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4 Ran like crazy
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6 Like some kisses
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8 NYSE rival
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10 Capt.'s commander
11 Behind schedule
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14 Bonfire residue
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16 Plato's hangout?
17 Less available
18 Like a lummox
24 Started a Tea Party?
26 Hawthorne milieu
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33 "Hi there, sailor!"
35 Tire type
37 Premeditate
39 Opportunity
40 Madame Curie
41 Loma —, Calif.
43 Crusoe's crony
44 He got a kick out of his job
45 Baseball's Slaughter
46 Swab on a stick
47 Swedish import
48 Bismarck's st.
50 Collegiate VIP
51 Actress Anderson
52 Checked out
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61 Made a choice
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66 Fictional collie
67 Pound part?
69 Ms. Lollobrigida
70 Dairy-case purchase
71 Narrow shoe size
72 — Bator
73 Kathie Lee's cohost
74 Where the West began
75 Arkansas spa
76 Come around
77 Custard of Castile
78 Kachina craftsman
79 "L'—, c'est moi"
80 Tease
84 Actor Kaplan
86 Knight time?
89 Roman historian
91 McKinley's birthplace
93 Baguette, e.g.
94 Ballet company
96 Over there?
98 Historian Will
99 Set in motion
100 Cook fast and hot
101 Power
103 Divert
105 "Shogun" setting
106 Put one's feet up
107 "Die Fledermaus" maid
108 Lawbreaker Lansky
110 Jokester Jay
112 Relative of pre-
114 Ping-Pong or golf
115 Egyptian queen
117 It can be long or short
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Answers to last week's puzzle

Sports Quiz Answers

1. Kansas City's Kevin Appier 2.56; 2. Minnesota's Scott Erickson 19; 3. Seattle's Randy Johnson 308; 4. Chicago's Jack McDowell 4; 5. Detroit's Mike Moore 35; 6. Minnesota's Kevin Tapani 42; 7. California's Chuck Finley 13; 8. Toronto's Juan Guzman 26

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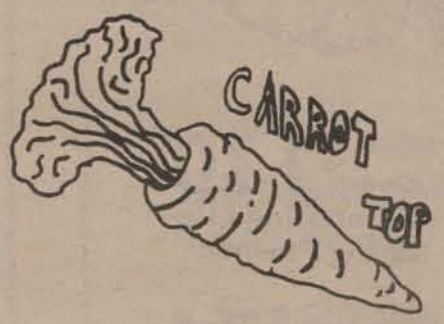

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